

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

MAKE *your* WEDDING A WORK OF *art*



Main Atrium

First impressions are important, and your guests will be immediately awed by our breathtaking Main Atrium designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie. Located in the heart of the museum, this light-filled space boasts an arched glass roof that soars dramatically overhead and provides generous space for dinner and dancing. Enjoy a lively wedding reception like no other with this stunning backdrop.

ROOM CAPACITY

275 for seated dinners | 250 with dancing
300 for standing receptions

Forbes & Copeland Galleries

Located on the ground level, these two galleries offer an intimate setting for your guests. Enjoy a seated or standing dinner reception in the larger Forbes Gallery, featuring a commissioned installation by artist Vanessa Platadis. Guests can mingle over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Copeland Gallery and explore the adjacent outdoor patio and garden.

ROOM CAPACITY

50 for seated dinners | 100 for standing receptions

East India Marine Hall

Built in 1824 by the founders of the museum, East India Marine Hall is a traditional New England-style ballroom and formally designated as a National Historic Landmark. This elegant space features arched floor-to-ceiling Palladian windows, two grand chandeliers, polished hardwood floors and maritime art.

The hall will be closed for renovations from August–December 2025. Starting January 2026, it will be available for ceremonies only.

ROOM CAPACITY

150 for wedding ceremonies

Garden Atrium

Designed with a stunning sky-high glass ceiling, this light-filled atrium adds a dynamic element to your wedding experience. Combined with the outdoor garden, this venue space is perfect for cocktails, standing receptions and small dinners.

ROOM CAPACITY

50 for seated dinners | 200 for standing receptions
70 for wedding ceremonies





PRICING FOR 2025–2026 EVENTS

Reception Options

Cocktails in Garden Atrium 6:30–7:30 pm
Dinner & Dancing in the Main Atrium 7:30–11:30 pm
Guest count up to 250 people
 Rental \$10,000

Cocktails in Atrium Spine 7–8 pm
Dinner & Dancing in Main Atrium 8 pm–midnight
Guest count up to 250 people
 Rental \$10,000

Please reference Gourmet Caterers food and beverage package for pricing.

Ceremony & Reception Options

Ceremony in East India Marine Hall
 6:00 pm guest arrival and 6:30 pm ceremony
Cocktails in Garden Atrium 7:00–8:00 pm
Dinner & Dancing in Main Atrium 8:00 pm–12:00 am
Guest count up to 150 people
 Rental \$11,000

All pricing is based on a five-hour reception, with one hour for cocktails and four hours for dinner and dancing. Ceremony is a total of one hour, with 30 minutes for guest arrival and 30 minutes for your ceremony. Please note the museum is open to the public until 5 pm. Event start times can be later than stated above but cannot begin earlier.

UPGRADES

Chair upgrade: \$8 per chair
 Museum admission passes: \$20 each (public hours)
 *New Year's Eve is charged weekend rental rates

Coming Soon

Book your event in the Cotting–Smith Assembly House, located at 138 Federal Street in the McIntire Historic District. This stunning building was constructed in 1782 to house social gatherings and performances, and once hosted George Washington. This historic property is ideal for small gatherings, with four furnished, museum-quality period rooms. Weather permitting, the garden and brick patio are part of the rental.

No matter which venue you choose, experienced event professionals will be there to guide you every step of the way.

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